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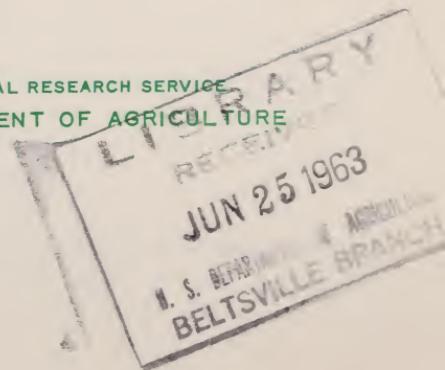


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CALVES OFFICIALLY  
VACCINATED AGAINST  
BRUCELLOSIS

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This guide has been prepared for veterinarians, livestock inspectors, and others engaged in the brucellosis eradication program for use in identifying animals moving interstate.

# A GUIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF CALVES OFFICIALLY VACCINATED AGAINST BRUCELLOSIS

The United States Registered "Shield and V" tattoo identification symbol in the code recommended by the United States Livestock Sanitary Association will be referred to as the "standard tattoo" throughout this publication, and is represented as follows:

Quarter (1 to 4) +  + Year (last numeral).

The standard tattoo is applied in the right ear. When the "shield" is mentioned, it refers to the tattoo identification symbol  used otherwise than in the standard code.

The methods of identifying officially vaccinated calves in each State and Puerto Rico, as reported by each, appear in alphabetical order:

## ALABAMA

Standard tattoo AND optional yellow eartag.

## ALASKA

Standard tattoo AND yellow eartag.

## ARIZONA

Standard tattoo AND eartag (national eartag numbering system).

## ARKANSAS

Standard tattoo AND eartag (national eartag numbering system) or individual identification tattoo.

## CALIFORNIA

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (A to D) + Shield + Year (last numeral)  
AND official vaccination eartag (unless owner specifically  
requests that the eartag not be used).

## COLORADO

Standard tattoo.

## CONNECTICUT

Standard tattoo AND eartag (national eartag numbering system).

## DELAWARE

Standard tattoo AND orange Delaware vaccination eartag in left  
ear AND identification eartag (national eartag numbering  
system) in right ear.

## FLORIDA

Standard tattoo. An identification number is also tattooed in the  
right ear unless an identification tattoo is already in the ear or  
a satisfactory identification brand is present.

## GEORGIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + CV + Year (last numeral) AND  
orange eartag (national eartag numbering system) with  
"USVAC" on the back.

## HAWAII

Standard tattoo OR "V" brand on right cheek in accordance  
with Uniform Methods and Rules. An optional eartag (national  
eartag numbering system) may be used with the above.

## IDAHO

Standard tattoo AND optional official eartag.

## ILLINOIS

Purebred animals: Standard tattoo AND registration number, dam's registration number, or registration tattoo.

Grade animals: Standard tattoo AND official eartag in right ear.

## INDIANA

Standard tattoo AND eartag (national eartag numbering system) in right ear.

## IOWA

Standard tattoo OR hot iron "V" brand and eartag OR registered purebred tattoo.

## KANSAS

Left ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + KV + Year (last numeral) AND eartag or registered hot brand OR only the registration tattoo.

## KENTUCKY

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination eartag.

## LOUISIANA

Ear tattoo: Month (by number, except October, November, and December are O, N, and D) + Shield+ Year (last numeral) AND vaccination eartag in right ear. A registration tattoo or registered brand may be substituted for the vaccination eartag.

## MAINE

Standard tattoo AND eartag: CVX + number + Calf-Vac-Me.

## MARYLAND

Standard tattoo AND official Maryland vaccination eartag in left ear.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Standard tattoo. Records show eartags, tattoos, registration numbers, dates of birth, sex, and breed.

## MICHIGAN

Standard tattoo.

## MINNESOTA

Mandatory: Standard tattoo. Optional: "V" notch and eartag in right ear.

## MISSISSIPPI

Standard tattoo AND bronze or yellow eartag or registration tattoo.

## MISSOURI

Standard tattoo AND yellow eartag.

## MONTANA

Standard tattoo OR official vaccination eartag OR jaw "V" brand. An optional "V" notch may be used with the above (preferably in the right ear).

## NEBRASKA

Non-brand area: Standard tattoo AND official vaccination eartag in right ear.

Brand area: Standard tattoo or hot iron "V" brand (open end up) on right jaw AND official vaccination eartag or owner's brand (records show brand location).

Registered purebred animals in either area: Registration number or registration tattoo and date of birth may be substituted for standard tattoo and eartag.

NEVADA

Standard tattoo AND eartag (except eartag is optional on registered calves).

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Standard tattoo AND yellow eartag: 12 CV + number.

NEW JERSEY

Ear tattoo: Month (A to L) + Shield + Year (last numeral) AND serial number tattoo or eartag in right ear.

NEW MEXICO

Standard tattoo or fire brand "V" (open end up) on right jaw AND vaccination eartag in right ear. Registration tattoo may be used in lieu of the above.

NEW YORK

Standard tattoo AND vaccination eartag in right ear AND identification eartag in left ear.

NORTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND vaccination eartag or registration tattoo number.

NORTH DAKOTA

Standard tattoo OR ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral).

## OHIO

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral) AND identification eartag, herd tattoo number, or registration tattoo.

## OKLAHOMA

Mandatory: Standard tattoo OR registration tattoo.

Optional: Orange eartag in right ear OR "V" brand on right jaw.

## OREGON

Standard tattoo OR "V" brand on right jaw OR registration tattoo (if shown on registration papers). Optional: Vaccination eartag in right ear with the above.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Ear tattoo: Quarter (1 to 4) + V + Year (last numeral) AND eartag.

## PUERTO RICO

Standard tattoo in left ear AND yellow vaccination eartag in right ear.

## RHODE ISLAND

Standard tattoo. Records show eartags, tattoos, registration numbers, dates of birth, sex and breed.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Standard tattoo AND orange vaccination eartag (national eartag numbering system).

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Standard tattoo or "V" brand on right jaw AND orange vaccination eartag or registration tattoo.

## TENNESSEE

Standard tattoo OR vaccination eartag.

## TEXAS

Ear tattoo: Month (by number, except October, November, and December are O, N, and D) + Shield + Year (last numeral) OR hot iron "V" brand in accordance with the Uniform Methods and Rules. In addition, dairy heifers must be individually identified by eartag or tattoo number. Beef heifers may be individually identified by owners holding brand or eartag or tattoo number.

## UTAH

Standard tattoo OR registration number or tattoo. Optional: Orange vaccination eartag with the above.

## VERMONT

Ear tattoo: Shield + Year (last numeral) AND identification eartag in right ear: Number + VT + Livestock.

## VIRGINIA

Eartag in right ear AND notch on lower edge of the left ear.

## WASHINGTON

Standard tattoo AND official orange vaccination eartag.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Standard tattoo and orange eartag (national eartag numbering system) OR registration tattoo.

## WISCONSIN

Ear tattoo: V + Month (1 to 12) + Year (last numeral) in right ear.

## WYOMING

Standard tattoo.



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